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Gentlemen

The U.S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office (DOE/RFO) acknowledges receipt on January 11, 1994 of your correspondence dated January 10, 1994, concerning the Pond Water Management Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA). DOE is requesting that an extension be granted for response to your letter, in order for new DOE management to become more familiar with implementing an IM/IRA for surface water management, including the potential DOE-wide policy implications.

Since my appointment as Manager, I have strongly supported a teaming approach with regulatory groups to resolve issues such as this in an expeditious manner. It is clear to me that we have been delinquent in resolving this particular issue, and I am committed to preventing these types of delays in the future. However, in this case, I do not yet understand your regulatory needs, and the implications of this IM/IRA to the Rocky Flats Site, or to the DOE complex. I also do not understand the role of this IM/IRA relative to ongoing discussions on the Interagency Agreement (IA). As I have previously indicated, I strongly support the regulatory roles of EPA and CDH at Rocky Flats, and we at DOE need to understand and respond to your concerns. In this case, I believe all parties will be best served by exploring the options for suitable control of surface waters before we commit to one particular solution.

I believe that the quickest way to resolve this issue is to bring our management teams together to discuss possible options while I simultaneously seek to resolve DOE policy issues. We would like to schedule a meeting as soon as possible with you and your staff to discuss this issue, and come to a resolution.

I, therefore, request a sixty-day extension to the normal fourteen-day response period to this letter. Specifically, I propose that the end of the response period be changed from January 24, 1994, to March 25, 1994. If we are not granted this extension, you may consider this a notice for proceeding with dispute resolution, pursuant to Parts 12 and 16 of the IA.

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If you have any questions regarding this request, and the proposed meeting, please contact Shirley J Olinger at 966-2273, or Martin McBride at 966-7328

Sincerely,



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